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**Employment to Urban Poor**

*78 SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any plan for eradicating unemployment in the urban sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of employment opportunities created in the Urban Sector during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR U VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). Two Centrally sponsored programmes viz., Nehru Rozgar Yojana and Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme are presently being implemented in the country :-

(i) The Nehru Rozgar Yojana was launched in October, 1989 and has been designed to generate employment to the unemployed and under employed urban poor living below the poverty line. Within this broad category, the SCs/STs and Women constitute special target groups. This employment is of two types. One relates to the setting up of self-employment ventures and another relates to the provision of wage employment through creation of public assets in the low income neighbourhoods of urban local bodies and also through housing and shelter upgradation

(ii) The Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme has been launched in November, 1995 with the objective of attacking the several root causes of urban poverty simultaneously. Besides employment generation and skill development, the PMI UPEP also aims at effective achievement of social sector goals, community empowerment, convergence through sustainable support systems, environmental improvement of urban slums and shelter upgradation. The benefits can be availed by the urban poor living below the poverty line who have got education upto 9th standard or less. Special attention/emphasis is given to women and persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and disabled persons. The programme is applicable to all Class II urban agglomerations with relaxation to the district towns in the hilly States and regions

(c) The details of employment opportunities created under Nehru Rozgar Yojana during the last three years are as under -

| Year | SUME No of beneficiaries assisted | SUWE No. of Mandays of work generated |
|---|---|---|
| 1993-94 | 1.52 lakhs | 72.17 lakhs |
| 1994-95 | 1.25 lakhs | 50.85 lakhs |
| 1995-96 | 1.25 lakhs | 54.64 lakhs |

The Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme has been launched only recently and is still in the preparatory stage.

**World Bank Assistance to Coal India Limited**

*79. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has announced a 43.5 million SDR ($ 63 million) International Development Association credit to Coal India Limited for providing technical assistance for Coal India environmental and social projects recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the projects which are likely to be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) to (c). Th World Bank has approved an IDA Credit of 43 3 million SDR (US $ 63 million) for "Coal Sector Environment and Social Mitigation Project" of Coal India Ltd The project inter-alia envisages carrying out Environment Action Plans, Rehabilitation Action Plans etc, at 25 identified coal projects of CIL. The list of these projects is given below :

| CCL | MCL | NCL | SECL | WCL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| K.D Hesalong | Ananta | Bina | Bisrampur | Durgapur |
| Parej East | Belpahar | Duhichua | Dhanpuri | Nijai |
| Rajrappa | Bharatpur | Jayant | Dipka | Padampur |
| | Jagannath | Jhingurdah | Gevra | Sasti |
| | Lakhanpur | Nigahi | Kusmunda | Umrer |
| | Samleswari | | Manikpur | |

**Relations with Sri Lanka**

*80. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the steps proposed to be taken to strengthen further the relations with Sri Lanka;

(b) whether the foreign Minister of Sri Lank visited India recently; and

(c) if so, the bilateral issues figured in his talks with Indian leaders and the outcome thereof?